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LONDON FOR ASS'T SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UG

SUBJECT:DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMIN  
FOLLOWING IS ACTION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY ON ABOVE  
SUBJECT FROM AF HARROP, ACTING

1. YOU AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING  
A DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMIN, BUT ASKED THAT WE LAY OUT FOR  
YOU THE SCENARIO THAT WE WOULD PURSUE IN THIS REGARD. WE  
BELIEVE THAT THE INITIAL CONTACT WITH AMIN SHOULD BE SET  
UP THROUGH MOBUTU--ONE OF THE FEW FRIENDS AMIN HAS AND ONE  
WHO CAN EXERCISE INFLUENCE OVER THE UGANDAN' A DRAFT  
TELEGRAM TO KINSHASA, SENT SEPARATELY FOR YOUR APPROVAL,  
SETS OUT THE DETAILS OF OUR PROPOSED APPROACH, AND IF  
YOU AGREE WE WILL MOVE EXPEDITOUSLY. IN ADDITION, I  
WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

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2. PUBLICITY CONCERNING OUR POSITION ON THE PEASE BILLS  
AND THE HARRIS CONTRACT. -  
IF WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO USE OUR DECISIONS TO OPPOSE  
THE PEASE BILLS AND TO APPROVE THE HARRIS CONTRACT TO  
BRING ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT IN UGANDA,  
AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEN IT IS IMPORTANT THAT KNOWLEDGE  
OF OUR DECISIONS NOT REACH AMIN BEFORE OUR REPRESENTATIVE

HAS A CHANCE TO MEET WITH HIM. THIS MEANS  
THAT WE SHOULD EITHER HOLD OFF ON GIVING OUR RESPONSE

TO THE HILL ON THE PEASE BILLS, OR ALLY THAT RESPONSE  
WITH CONSULTATIONS WHICH INFORM KEY MEMBERS WHAT WE  
ARE TRYING TO DO. IT ALSO MEANS THAT WE MUST KEEP THE  
HARRIS COMPANY IN LIMBO A WHILE LONGER.

3. INFORMING NAIROBI AND BONN; PRESS GUIDANCE

THE REFERENCE TELEGRAM IS ADDRESSED ONLY TO KINSHASA  
ON THE GROUNDS THAT OUR INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CLOSELY  
HELD. IF MOBUTU IS SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, IN SETTING UP  
THE MEETING WITH AMIN ALONG THE LINES WE SUGGEST,  
WE WOULD THEN INFORM BONN AND NAIROBI. PRESS GUIDANCE  
WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED AT THAT TIME IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE  
LEAKS, OR IF THE INITIAL MEETING OR SUBSEQUENT  
CONTACTS BECOME KNOWN.

4. ANOTHER DEMARCHE WITH MOBUTU ON NGUZA

ASSUMING MOBUTU PLAYS THE ROLE WE ENVISAGE, HE WILL  
IN THE PROCESS BECOME EVEN MORE SENSITIZED TO OUR  
CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. AND IN THIS CONNECTION, I  
BELIEVE THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD TAKE THE  
OCCASION, AFTER THE MEETING WITH AMIN, TO RAISE THE  
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NGUZA ISSUE AGAIN WITH MOBUTU. IT CAN BE MADE CLEAR  
TO THE ZAIRIAN LEADER THAT HIS OWN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
ARE IN JEOPARDY AS THE CONGRESS FOCUSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
IN THE NEXT SESSION. HE JUST MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO  
UNDERSTAND THAT RELEASING NGUZA COULD DO HIM SOME GOOD.  
I THINK THE TIMING IS RIGHT.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) THAT YOU APPROVE THE TELEGRAM TO KINSHASA WHICH  
LAYS OUT THE SCENARIO FOR A DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMIN.  
APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

B) THAT WE HOLD OFF ON SENDING TO THE HILL OUR POSITION  
ON THE PEASE BILLS AND THAT WE KEEP HARRIS IN LIMBO  
UNTIL WE HAVE SEEN AMIN.

APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

C) THAT WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOBUTU'S INVOLVEMENT IN  
THE APPROACH TO AMIN TO MAKE A PITCH FOR NGUZA'S RELEASE.  
APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

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